

claim 1, wherein the absorbing member chamber has a locking portion for preventing the first absorbing portion from being removed.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ink jet recording apparatus for executing recording by ejecting ink from recording means to a recording medium comprising:

5       a cap movable in a direction where it comes into contact with and is separated from the ejection port surface of the recording means, for capping the ejection port surface;

          an absorbing member chamber disposed to the cap  
10 and opened in confrontation with the ejection port surface;

          a suction port formed through the bottom of the absorbing member chamber;

          suction means connected to the suction port,  
15 for suctioning the ink in the absorbing member chamber; and

          an absorbing member disposed in the absorbing member chamber for absorbing ink, said absorbing member comprising a first absorbing portion covering  
20 approximately the entire region in the absorbing member chamber and a second absorbing portion in intimate contact with the suction port.

2. An ink jet recording apparatus according to  
25 claim 1, wherein the first absorbing portion is arranged separately from the second absorbing portion, and the second absorbing portion projects through the

bottom of the absorbing member chamber and comes into contact with the bottom of the first absorbing portion.

5           3. An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the absorbing member chamber has a projection formed on the bottom thereof at a position apart from the suction port, and the first absorbing portion is supported by the second absorbing portion  
10 and the projection.

          4. An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first absorbing portion is formed integrally with the second absorbing portion.  
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          5. An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a counterbore portion in to which the second absorbing portion is forcibly inserted is formed in the suction port at the opening end thereof  
20 on the bottom of the absorbing member chamber.

          6. An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the counterbore portion has a locking portion for preventing the second absorbing  
25 portion from being removed.

          7. An ink jet recording apparatus according to